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RECOMMEND SENEGALESE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE IOC
STATUTES

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1. IOC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 10-8-2
WESTERN PROPOSAL NOT TO RECOMMEND SENEGALESE DRAFT
AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD CHANGE IOC STATUTES ALLOWING
SUSPENSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM PARTICIPATION IN IOC
MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES. VOTING FOR WESTERN PROPOSAL
WERE US, UK, NETHERLANDS, CANADA, FRG, NORWAY,
AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, JAPAN, AND PHILIPPINES. THOSE
AGAINST WERE SENEGAL, KENYA, USSR, EGYPT, INDIA,
COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA, AND MEXICO. BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA
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ABSTAINED, AND ROMANIA WAS ABSENT.

2. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ALSO VOTED ON A SECOND PROPOSAL
SUBMITTED BY USSR WHICH RECALLED UNGA RES 3057, RES 11.1
ADOPTED AT UNESCO'S 18TH GEN CONF, RES 2.183 ADOPTED AT
UNESCO'S 19TH GEN CONF, AND INSTRUCTED CHAIRMAN AND
SECRETARY OF IOC NOT TO INVITE SOUTH AFRICA TO

PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF IOC. THIS PROPOSAL WAS REJECTED BY VOTE OF 9-9-2. THOSE VOTING FOR INCLUDED COLOMBIA, BRAZIL, EGYPT, SENEGAL, INDIA, KENYA, USSR, PHILIPPINES, AND MEXICO. VOTING AGAINST WERE US, CANADA, FRG, UK, NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, JAPAN, AND NORWAY. ARGENTINA AND VENEZUELA ABSTAINED AND ROMANIA WAS ABSENT.

3. VOTES ON BOTH PROPOSALS FOLLOWED TEDIOUS PROCEDURAL DEBATE LASTING FOR SEVERAL HOURS, WITH KENYA, SENEGAL, AND INDIA AS PRINCIPAL OPPONENTS, AND UNESCO LEGAL COUNSEL PLAYING IMPORTANT ADVISORY ROLE. SINCE NO SPECIFIC PROCEDURAL RULES WERE FOUND APPLICABLE TO ESTABLISHING SEQUENCE FOR VOTING ON TABLED PROPOSALS, 10-8-2 VOTE IN FAVOR OF CONSIDERING WESTERN PROPOSAL FIRST FINALLY BROKE DEADLOCK.

4. ARGENTINE (AND INDIAN) INITIATIVE (PER REFTTEL, PARA 3) WAS ALLOWED TO DROP WITHOUT A VOTE.

5. RESULTS OF VOTING WERE CLEARLY UPSETTING TO SEVERAL MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, ESPECIALLY SENEGAL AND KENYA. SENEGALESE DELEGATE CHARGED THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DID NOT EXPRESS VIEWS OF IOC ASSEMBLY, THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE, OR THE UNGA. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE FORTHCOMING IOC ASSEMBLY WILL OVERTURN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION. HE CHARGED THAT THE VOTE CHALLENGES CREDIBILITY OF THE IOC, AND INFERRED (WITHOUT CATEGORICALLY SAYING SO) THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFRICANS WILL NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN IOC IF SOUTH AFRICA IS ALLOWED TO REMAIN. FURTHERMORE, HE WARNED COUNTRIES VOTING AGAINST EFFORTS TO REMOVE SOUTH AFRICA THAT THEY WILL FIND OUT HOW AFRICAN COUNTRIES WILL BEHAVE TOWARD "THOSE WHO STAND ON THE SIDE OF APARTHEID."

6. SURPRISINGLY, PANAMA, WHICH IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WAS ALSO ALLOWED TO SPEAK. SPOKESMAN EMOTIONALLY DECLAIMED THAT PANAMA WILL NOT SIT WITH DELEGATES OF SOUTH AFRICA, AND SAID THAT THE IOC WILL NOW HAVE TO TAKE "APPROPRIATE ACTION" TO EXPELL THEM. HE SUPPORTED SENEGAL'S CONTENTION THAT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S VOTE AGAINST SENEGAL'S PROPOSAL WAS VIOLATION OF UN AND UNESCO CHARTERS, AND A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. PANAMA, HE SAID, KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

7. COMMENT: WESTERN INTERVENTIONS SUPPORTING

PRINCIPLE OF "UNIVERSALITY," WHILE ALSO STATING
ABHORRENCE OF APARTHEID, OBVIOUSLY ARE HAVING NO EFFECT
ON AFRICANS WHO CONSISTENTLY AFFIRM, IN UNESCO FORA,

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THEIR COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION POLICIES CONCERNING APARTHEID AND RACISM
IN SOUTH AFRICA. PRINCIPLE UNDERLYING THEIR VIEWS IS
THAT SOUTH AFRICA, BY ITS OWN POLICIES, HAS REMOVED
ITSELF FROM INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTABILITY, AND THAT NARROW
LEGALISTIC DEFINITION OF "UNIVERSALITY," WHICH
AFRICANS ATTRIBUTE TO WESTERN BLOC, DOES NOT APPLY.

8. FULL TEXT OF WESTERN PROPOSAL (SPONSORED BY US,
UK, FRG, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FRANCE, AND NETHERLANDS)
ADOPTED BY IOC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE. HAVING CONSIDERED THE PROPOSAL BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF SENEGAL ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENTS
OF ALGERIA, EGYPT, JAMAICA, KENYA, NIGERIA, PANAMA,
TUNISIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, TO AMEND ARTICLE 4 OF THE
STATUTES OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC

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COMMISSION (LETTER DD/MER NO. 1025/DPU DATED 3 FEBRUARY 1977),

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE II.4 OF THE UNESCO CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLE 5 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, AND THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY OF MEMBERSHIP AMONGST UNITED NATIONS BODIES,

RECOMMENDS TO THE ASSEMBLY THAT THE ABOVE PROPOSAL BE REJECTED. END QUOTE.
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